



PUCO Apples to Apples Natural Gas Rate Comparison Chart

Dominion East Ohio

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The PUCO produces the *Apples to Apples* charts to provide consumers with a snapshot comparison of current natural gas supplier price options and contract terms. The PUCO updates the charts on a weekly basis and verifies each supplier offer to ensure accuracy. As with all contracts, consumers should carefully read and understand all terms and conditions before signing any forms or agreeing to enroll with a supplier for natural gas service. For a description of *Apples to Apples* chart-related terms, please refer to **Chart Definitions** that follows the **Supplier Plans, Rates, Terms and Conditions** section.

The PUCO provides the tools you need to calculate your estimated cost. The **Self-Calculation Worksheet** that follows **Chart Definitions** walks you through the steps needed to manually calculate your own estimated cost. You can also visit www.PUCO.ohio.gov and click on the **Apples to Apples** link to access the **Apples to Apples Interactive Calculator** and automatically calculate your estimated costs.

Dominion East Ohio's Rate

Under a two-year pilot program approved by the PUCO, effective October 12, 2006, Dominion East Ohio's (DEO) sales customers pay a *Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate*. The SSO replaces the former Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) mechanism. The SSO is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of **\$1.44** per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). The new SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from DEO, as did the GCR. Effective **December 14, 2007 through January 16, 2008**, **DEO's current total sales rate is \$12.0027 per Mcf**. This includes the SSO rate of **\$8.6430** per Mcf, plus a Surcredit Rider Offset of **\$0.0053**, a gross receipts tax on the SSO rate of **\$0.4231** per Mcf, and transportation costs of **\$2.9313** per Mcf. **Dominion East Ohio contact information: 1201 East 55th St., Cleveland, OH 44103-1028, (800) 362-7557, www.dom.com.**

PUCO-Certified Retail Natural Gas Suppliers Actively Soliciting New Customers

<u>Supplier Name</u>	<u>Web Page Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Commerce Energy of Ohio, Inc.	http://www.commerceenergy.com	(877) 226-5371
Direct Energy Services, LLC	http://www.directenergy.com	(888) 566-9988
Dominion East Ohio Energy	http://www.dom.com/about/companies/retail/choice_soe.jsp	(800) 990-4090
Energy Cooperative of Ohio	http://www.soarenergy.org	(877) 439-3706
Integritys Energy Services, Inc.	http://www.integritysenergy.com	(866) 336-5547
Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.	http://www.igsenergy.com	(877) 444-7427
Lakeshore Energy Services, Inc.	http://www.lakeshoreenergy.com	(888) 200-3788
MxEnergy, Inc.	http://www.mxenergy.com	(888) 898-4323
Vectren Source	http://vectrensource.com	(800) 516-6740



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Supplier Plans, Rates, Terms and Descriptions

Listed below are the natural gas plan offers of PUCO-certified suppliers. Published offers are subject to change without prior notice. The **Supplier Total Rate** is the price to compare. It includes the **Supplier Base Rate** plus the utility's transportation charge, however, excludes the applicable state and county sales tax that should be considered if comparing **Supplier Total Rates** to the regulated utility's total rate, currently at **\$12.0027/Mcf** (includes gas cost, transportation charge and gross receipts tax). In addition to the **Supplier Base Rate**, Choice customers will also continue to pay the utility's regulated transportation and customer service charges, as do the utility's general sales customers. **Consumers should verify offers with the supplier before signing a contract.**

Fixed Rate Plans

	<u>Offer ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Integrus Energy Services, Inc.	1944	\$9.99000	\$12.92130	12-Month		\$25.00
MxEnergy, Inc.	1949	\$11.41000	\$14.34130	6-Month		\$150.00
	1950	\$11.69000	\$14.62130	12-Month		\$150.00
	1951	\$11.98000	\$14.91130	36-Month		\$150.00
Commerce Energy of Ohio, Inc.	1959	\$10.00000	\$12.93130	12-Month		\$25.00
	1960	\$10.40000	\$13.33130	24-Month		\$50.00
Dominion East Ohio Energy	1963	\$10.49000	\$13.42130	Through 9/2008 Billing Cycle		\$50.00
Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.	1967	\$9.99000	\$12.92130	Through 10/2008 Billing Cycle		\$0.00
Vectren Source	1972	\$10.99000	\$13.92130	12-Month		\$25.00
Direct Energy Services, LLC	1977	\$10.99000	\$13.92130	12-Month	2-Month Intro Offer @ \$9.89 then 10 months @ \$10.99	\$0.00

Monthly Variable Rate Plans

	<u>Offer ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Integrus Energy Services, Inc.	1940	\$8.52300	\$11.45430	12-Month		\$0.00
Commerce Energy of Ohio, Inc.	1961	\$11.34168	\$14.27298	Monthly		\$0.00
Energy Cooperative of Ohio	1969	\$9.75000	\$12.68130	Monthly		\$0.00
Vectren Source	1973	\$9.21280	\$12.14410	Monthly		\$0.00

Monthly Variable Capped-Rate Plans

	<u>Offer ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Integrus Energy Services, Inc.	1942	\$8.92300 Rate capped @ \$12.00	\$11.85430	12-Month	Cap effective through 3/08 billing	\$0.00
	1943	\$10.24000 Rate capped @ \$10.83	\$13.17130	12-Month	Cap effective through 9/08 billing	\$0.00

Quarterly Variable Rate Plans

	<u>Offer ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
Integrus Energy Services, Inc.	1941	\$8.80000	\$11.73130	12-Month	Effective Quarter Oct - Dec 2007	\$0.00

Variable Rate Plans

	<u>Offer ID</u>	<u>Supplier Base Rate</u>	<u>Supplier Total Rate</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Plan Description</u>	<u>Contract Early Termination Fee</u>
MxEnergy, Inc.	1952	\$10.19000	\$13.12130	Monthly		\$0.00
Lakeshore Energy Services, Inc.	1955	\$8.58000	\$11.51130	Through 3/2009 Billing Cycle		\$125.00

Chart Definitions

Contract Term: The length or duration of the contract (i.e. monthly, yearly, multiple-year).

County Sales Tax: When natural gas is purchased from a supplier, the natural gas is subject to Ohio sales or use tax. Because county sales tax rates vary throughout Ohio, the county sales tax is not included in the supplier's total rate. Use the attached map to determine your county's sales tax rate.

Current Offer: Comprised of suppliers' current commodity options and base rates, exclusive of sales tax, the local utility transportation charge, and customer service charges. Commodity options may be a fixed, variable, or stable rate plan.

Fixed Rate Plan: A constant rate for the contracted period.

Gross Receipts Tax: When natural gas is purchased from a local utility, it is not subject to Ohio sales or use tax. The local utility must pay a gross receipts excise tax which is included in the SSO rate charged for the natural gas based on the volume of gas consumed (per Mcf).

Mcf: One thousand cubic feet; a unit used to measure natural gas usage.

Migration Rider: The rider recovers DEO's costs of balancing gas deliveries to Dominion East Ohio's system and the customers' actual consumption. This rider is adjusted quarterly.

Stable Rate Plan: A variable rate for a fixed period of time.

Standard Service Offer (SSO) Rate: The SSO replaces the former Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) mechanism, under a two-year pilot program approved by the PUCO, effective October 12, 2006. The SSO is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a Retail Price Adjustment of \$1.44 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). The new SSO rate varies each month and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for customers who purchase gas from DEO, as did the GCR.

Supplier Name: PUCO-certified suppliers that are actively enrolling new customers.

Surcredit Rider: An adjustment used to reimburse customers for charges attributable to natural gas commodity sales service for customers that no longer purchase their natural gas from the local utility. The surcredit rider remains in effect until the local utility establishes new base rates and recalculates the surcredit rider for CHOICE customers, who no longer purchase natural gas from their local utility.

Total Rate: Comprised of the supplier's natural gas commodity prices, plus DEO's transportation rate charge.

Transportation Rate Charge: The transportation rate charge, which can fluctuate quarterly, is comprised of a base rate, Percentage of Income Payment Plan rider, uncollectible expense rider, competitive retail natural gas service surcredit rider, and a migration rider.

Variable Rate Plan: A fluctuating rate within the contracted period.

Questions to ask Suppliers

- Are there any deposit requirements?
- Do you charge any early termination fees? If so, how much?
- Do you charge any switching, membership, or other fees?
- Are you certified by the PUCO?
- Is your rate fixed, or does it change?
- If it is a variable rate, how does it change?
- Is there a customer incentive for signing up?
- Are there any built-in price increases or decreases?
- Are there any special add-on services?
- How long is the contract for this offer?
- Does your service cover all months of the year?
- What happens when my contract expires?
- Will I receive one or two bills a month?

